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August 3, 2012

Deborah Chacona  
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Re: Your July 30, 2012 Letter

Dear Ms. Chacona:

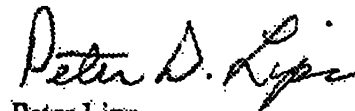
This responds to your letter dated July 30, 2012, concerning Softer Voices' alleged failure to file a July Quarterly Report, covering the period from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 104.1(b) of the Commission's Regulations, a committee is not required to file reports under 11 C.F.R. § 104.5 "unless the committee becomes a political committee under 11 C.F.R. § 100.5." According to Section 100.5(a) of the Regulations, "any committee, club, association, or other group of persons which receives contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 or which makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year is a political committee." 11 C.F.R. § 100.5(a).

During the period cited in your letter, from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, Softer Voices had no receipts or disbursements. Therefore, it did not fall under the definition of "political committee" set out above. Accordingly, it was not required to file a July Quarterly Report with the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter Lips

Treasurer to Softer Voices

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